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Art Unit 1771

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28 and extending through page 8, line 5 as follows:

Where the air-laid nonwoven fabric (i.e., the first sheet 11) is a composite of an air-laid surface and another sheet, the basis weight of the air-laid surface is decided by the strength of the ~~sheet~~ sheets combined. When combined with a strong sheet, the air-laid surface is not destroyed even with a reduced basis weight. With no other sheet or with a sheet having a very small strength, the air-laid surface should have an increased basis weight to prevent destruction.